tion and in pursuance of certain clauses, searches were recently conducted by the security forces in SMHS Hospital, Srinagar on March 7th, 1992 and Lalded Hospital, Srinagar on March 23rd 1992. During the search operations in SMHS, Hospital 17 persons were arrested and 10 AKrifles and 2 hand grenades, besides other arms and ammunitions were recovered. In Lalded Hospital, two suspected territorists were arrested and 3 AK rifles and other arms and ammunitions were recovered. The security forces continue to keep a watch on the hospitals.

Oil and Gas Reserves

5824. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantum of oil and gas reserves have been discovered in the sedimentary basins in the country;

(b) if so, the approximate quantum of oil and gas reserves found in the sedimentary basins; and

(c) the steps taken to undertake drilling operation in those basins?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Till 1.1.91. ONGC has established in place reserves of 3767.33 MMT of oil, 82.81 MMT of condensate and 1347.33 BCM of gas in various sedimentary basins in the country and O.I.L. has established in palce reserves of 507.58 MMT of oil and 180.45 BCM of gas.

(c) These sedimentary basins will continue to be under active exploratory drilling.

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Import of LPG

5825. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of LPG imported during each of the last three years;and

(b) the total foreign exchange spent there on?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATRURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b).The quantity of LPG imported during each of the last three years and value there of is given below:

Year/Period	*Quanantity ('000 Tonnes)*	*Value (Rs./Crores)*
1989S-90	302	98.07
1990-91	329	160.26
1991-92* (April-February)	193	134.67

*Provisional